

Attorney Docket No.: KUZ0031US.NP  
Inventors: Minoru Kohara  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned  
Filing Date: Herewith  
Page 3

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of the claims:**

Claim 1 (original): A composition comprising an acrylic copolymer containing from 3 to 25% by weight of hydroxyethyl (meth)acrylate as a constituent, a plasticizer and a pseudo-crosslinking compound, wherein the ratio of the content of the plasticizer to the content of the pseudo-crosslinking compound ranges from 30:1 to 250:1.

Claim 2 (original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein a content of the plasticizer is from 30 to 200 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of an acrylic copolymer.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The composition according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein a content of the pseudo-crosslinking compound is from 0.3 to 10 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the acrylic copolymer.

Attorney Docket No.: **KUZ0031US.NP**  
Inventors: **Minoru Kohara**  
Serial No.: **Not yet assigned**  
Filing Date: **Herewith**  
Page 4

Claim 4 (currently amended): The composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the acrylic copolymer is a copolymer comprising one or more from alkyl (meth)acrylate, hydroxyethyl (meth)acrylate and N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone.

Claim 5 (original): The composition according to claim 4, wherein the alkyl (meth)acrylate is one or more consisting of an alcohol ester with an alkyl group of carbon numbers 4-6, a content thereof being from 30 to 80% by weight based on the entire copolymer, a content of hydroxyethyl (meth)acrylate is from 3 to 25% by weight based on the entire copolymer, and a content of N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone is from 5 to 25% by weight based on the entire copolymer.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein a shearing strain migration length (3g, 2min.) of a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer containing the composition is not more than a thickness of the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer, and a

Attorney Docket No.: KUZ0031US.NP  
Inventors: Minoru Kohara  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned  
Filing Date: Herewith  
Page 5

shearing strain migration length (80g, 5min.) is not less than 10 times of a thickness of a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ claim 1, wherein the pseudo-crosslinking compound is one or more from boric acid and/or a salt thereof, an amine compound, an aluminate and a phenol compound.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A patch comprising a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer comprising the composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-7~~ claim 1, and a backing.

Claim 9 (original): The patch according to claim 8 comprising a skin valuable.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The patch according to ~~claims 8 or 9~~ claim 8, wherein the skin valuable is a drug and/or a cosmetic material.